

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a discrimination in granting permission for opening up of new medical colleges across country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is a demand for rectification of the unequal distribution of medical colleges and adhere to the recommendation of the Mudaliar Committee in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Permission to establish a medical college and admit students is granted to applicant organizations who fulfill the MCI norms by the Central Government as per the provisions contained in the Establishment of Medical College Regulations, 1999 of Medical Council of India.

(c) & (d): The Mudaliar Committee report of 1961 states regarding setting up of 90 to 100 medical colleges in the country for the population of that period. However, presently there are 262 medical colleges (both Government and Private) located in different parts of the country. It is for the concerned State Government to propose to set up new medical colleges.